Comparison of Citation Generators (Free Features-Constantly Changing)

Other generators- Son of Citation, KnightCite, Zotero (only with Mozilla- it is a plug in and highly recommended by college librarians- includes note taking as well)

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| **Name of Citation Generator** | **Easy Bib** <http://easybib.com/> | **Bibme** <http://bibme.org> | **NoodleTools (Express )** http://Noodletools.com |
| Level of Ease | Easy, tab driven | Very easy, visual , and graphic, tab driven, | More text driven, lacks tabs for choosing, |
| Variety of Sources/ help with choosing the correct source | 55 different types of sources, allows you to tweak the source by using drop downs | Missing some sources, (anthology) requires many fields | Most extensive, lengthy questioning might discourage students |
| Level of user (advanced features) | Allows students to edit in a pasted entry to make corrections if the fields don’t allow- Lots of opportunities to add data through drop-down options | By not allowing so many options it could be less confusing for the user. The forced fields will make the user look closer, but you can just put xx | Should be able to match college students’ needs  MLA Starter very basic-limited types of source, no databases |
| Account Creation (free) (establish a pattern for account names and passwords) | Only requires an email (can be fake) and password- | Asks for users under 13 to have parental permission if creating an account | Only free accounts are for MLA starter (suggested for basic use) |
| Free Account Benefits | Saves lists, allows you to merge , duplicate and email lists | Saves lists | Access to MLA Starter |
| Annotations | Allows for lengthy annotations | Allows for lengthy annotations | No annotations, subscription version has a note-taking feature |
| Support | Emails answered, responsive to errors |  | Emails answered with knowledgeable support for specific questions about how to cite and which source to choose |
| Matches MLA | Need to check N.p. and to match entries to MLA 7, often includes state in generated citations | Forces URL field | Strong matches |
| Other styles for free |  | APA, Chicago, Turabian | APA |
| Auto Citing (use as a starting tool) | By title(book, magazine, news article), ISBN, website URL, allows uploading from some databases | By title(book, magazine, news article), ISBN, website URL | no |
| Generating whole list and downloading | Downloads to word, but saves as an rtf document | Downloads to word, but saves as an rtf document | No, must copy and paste each entry into your document |
| Ads | Yes, and it’s best to mute the machine | Yes, but not distracting | no |
| Tips for users as they are using the tool | Question marks beside fields for more info | Pops up when you mouse over the field name, tips are for all styles | Support for each field, capitalization rules, |
| Other positives | Website quality check, corrects many capitalization errors |  | Has spell check, gives the parenthetical citation, |
| Subscription Benefits | APA included, allows uploading from some databases, no ads, gives parenthetical citation  Individual or school | Doesn’t offer paid accounts asks for donations | Generates whole list and saves lists, allows a note-taking tool as well  Individual or school |

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